Discussions on security issues with Israel

399. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during his recent visit to Israel, he discussed security aspects, especially the need to counter terrorism as a global menace and counter intelligence measures;

(b) if so, the precise issues discussed and the outcome thereof; and

(c) how it has affected India's relation with Middle-East, Arab and Gulf countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) During the recent visit to Israel, we interacted with President Ezer Weizman, Prime Minister Ehud Barak, Minister for Regional Co-operation Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister of Defence Ephriam Sneh, and Police and Security agencies. The tour was undertaken with the main focus on problems of trans-border terrorism. Israel and India have both grappled with it during the last two decades. Terrorist organisations are now known to establish and have international linkages which makes it necessary for victim countries to learn from the experience of and work in close co-operation with each other in the interest of promotion of peace and progress and suppression of terrorism.

The visit has opened up the possibility of increased technological, technical and intelligence co-operation between India and Israel. The two sides have agreed to work for early establishment of a Joint Working Group between the two countries.

The visit, which is a part of the ongoing high-level exchanges between the two countries, has had no effect on India's traditional ties of friendship and cooperation with the Arab countries. Our relations with the Arab world continue to remain substantive, multifaceted and wide ranging.

Amendments in Cr. P.C Amendment Bill 1994

400. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to bring a few more amendments in the Cr.P.C. Amendment Bill 1994; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the amendments?